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TURKEY BREEDER HEN INTENTIONS--1956 HATCHING SEASON

Turkey breeder hen owners in 15 of the most important States, with over 80 percent of the breeder hens in the United States, expect to hold about 13 percent more heavy turkey hens at the beginning of the 1956 hatching season compared with the number held at the beginning of the 1955 season, according to a special survey made by the Crop Reporting Board. They also expect to increase their holdings of light breed hens by 7 percent. Intended increases in heavy breed hens vary from 5 percent in South Carolina and Washington to 31 percent in Texas. Michigan is the only State in the group expecting a decrease in heavy breed hens--13 percent below last season.

States show considerable variations in the intentions to hold light breed turkey hens. Intended holdings vary from 55 percent below last season in Michigan to 33 percent above in Oklahoma and 30 percent in Minnesota and Texas. Virginia, the most important light breed State, expects to decrease light breed hens by 6 percent.

This special survey was made as of October 1 at the request of the turkey industry to obtain an early indication of prospective holdings of turkey breeder hens for supplying hatching eggs for the 1956 season. The purpose of the report is to assist flock owners in making desirable changes in their plans to hold breeder hens.

This report is based on returns from hatcheries and other flock owners having over 50 percent of the breeder hens in these 15 States or about 43 percent of the breeder hens in the United States.

TURKEY BREEDER HEN INTENTIONS--1956 HATCHING SEASON

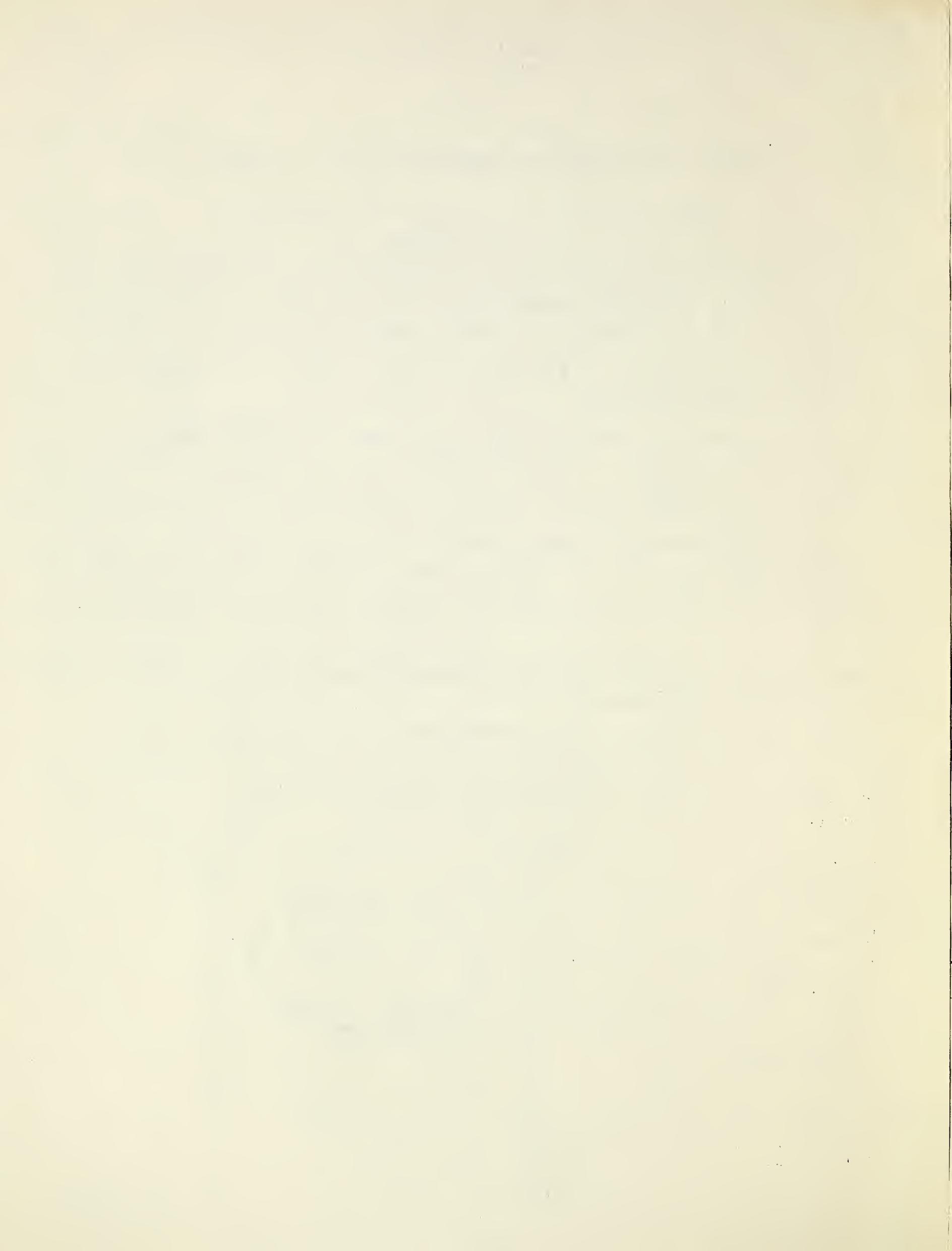
: Intentions to hold turkey breeder hens at beginning of 1956

State : season as percent of holdings a year earlier

: Heavy breeds : Light breeds

	Percent	Percent
New York	100	100
Pennsylvania	100	104
Ohio	107	117
Michigan	87	45
Wisconsin	116	94
Minnesota	116	130
Iowa	118	80
Missouri	105	94
Virginia	106	94
South Carolina	105	65
Oklahoma	115	133
Texas	131	130
Washington	105	60
Oregon	107	91
California	114	104
Total 15 States	113	107





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TURKEY BREEDER HEN INTENTIONS--1957 HATCHING SEASON

October 19, 1956

Turkey breeder hen owners in 15 of the ~~most important~~ ¹⁵ States, with over 79 percent of the breeder hens in the United States on January 1, 1956, expect to hold at the beginning of the 1957 hatching season 16 percent more heavy breed turkey hens than at the beginning of the 1956 season. Compared with the 1956 season, they plan to have 20 percent more heavy white breeder hens and 15 percent more bronze and other heavy hens. They expect to decrease their holdings of light type hens by 3 percent.

Growers indicated increases in heavy white breed hens in 10 States ranging from 3 percent in Missouri to 50 percent in Texas. Michigan, Washington and New York expect a decrease in holdings of 25, 23 and 3 percent, respectively. Increases in holdings of bronze and other heavy breed hens are expected in 12 of the States reporting, ranging from 7 percent in Pennsylvania to 50 percent in Iowa. Michigan expects to hold about the same number as in the 1956 season while South Carolina and Washington expect to decrease 10 and 7 percent, respectively.

States show considerable variations in their intentions to hold light breed turkey hens. Sharp decreases in number of light breed hens in Virginia, Missouri and Minnesota were partially offset by increases in Texas, California and Oregon. At the beginning of this year, these six States had three-fourths of the light breed hens in the 15 States.

This special survey was made as of October 1 at the request of the turkey industry to obtain an early indication of prospective holdings of turkey breeder hens for supplying hatching eggs for the 1957 season. The purpose of the report is to assist flock owners in making desirable changes in their plans to hold breeder hens.

This report is based on returns from hatcheries and other flock owners having over 64 percent of the breeder hens in these 15 States, or about 51 percent of the breeder hens in the United States.

Turkey Breeder Hen Intentions--1957 Hatching Season

State	Intentions to hold turkey breeder hens at beginning of 1957 season as percent of holdings a year earlier		
	Heavy breeds		
	Heavy white	Bronze and other heavy	Beltsville and other light
New York	97	110	150
Pennsylvania	116	107	96
Ohio	117	109	100
Michigan	75	100	100
Wisconsin	113	117	100
Minnesota	110	124	80
Iowa	147	150	175
Missouri	103	120	70
Virginia	150	110	85
South Carolina	100	90	85
Oklahoma	120	115	85
Texas	150	125	155
Washington	77	93	71
Oregon	1/	115	102
California	110	115	110
Total 15 States	120	115	97

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X TURKEY BREEDER HEN INTENTIONS--1958 HATCHING SEASON X

Owners of turkey breeder hens in 15 of the most important States expect to hold, at the beginning of the 1958 hatching season, 4 percent less heavy breed turkey hens and 13 percent less light type hens than at the beginning of the 1957 season according to the October 1 survey by the Crop Reporting Board. These 15 States accounted for 81 percent of the breeder hens in the United States on January 1, 1957. Compared with the 1957 season, they plan to have 22 percent less heavy white, but about the same number of bronze and other heavy hens.

Growers indicated decreases in the number of heavy white breed hens in 13 States. Ohio is the only State expecting an increase while Iowa shows no change from a year earlier. Increases in holdings of bronze and other heavy breed hens are expected in 9 States ranging from 1 percent in California to 22 percent in Iowa. Decreases are shown for 6 States ranging from 9 percent in Pennsylvania to 25 percent in Missouri.

Of the important light breed turkey States, Virginia, Ohio and Minnesota show increases ranging from 10 to 15 percent, but California and Texas show sharp decreases of 75 and 50 percent, respectively.

TURKEY BREEDER HEN INTENTIONS--1958 HATCHING SEASON

Intention to hold turkey breeder hens at beginning of 1958

State	Season as percent of holdings a year earlier		
	Heavy breeds		Beltsville and other light
	Heavy white	Bronze and other heavy	
New York	90	105	1/
Pennsylvania	62	91	88
Ohio	118	87	111
Michigan	46	87	1/
Wisconsin	77	1/	1/
Minnesota	97	110	110
Iowa	100	122	1/
Missouri	50	75	50
Virginia	50	108	115
South Carolina	1/	112	1/
Oklahoma	65	115	120
Texas	60	90	50
Washington	71	107	67
Oregon	1/	102	75
California	75	101	25
Total 15 States	78	100	87

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TURKEY BREEDER HENS
1959 HATCHING SEASON
INTENTIONS

October 24, 1958

Turkey breeder hen owners in 15 of the most important States expect to hold at the beginning of the 1959 hatching season 7 percent more heavy breed hens and 38 percent more light breed hens than at the beginning of the 1958 season according to the October 1 survey by the Crop Reporting Board. These 15 States accounted for about 81 percent of the breeder hens in the United States on January 1, 1958. Compared with the 1958 season, turkey breeder flock owners of heavy breeds expect to have 25 percent more heavy white turkey hens and 4 percent more bronze and other heavy.

Growers indicated increases in heavy white breed hens in 9 States ranging from 4 percent in Pennsylvania to 54 percent in Minnesota. New York, South Carolina and Oklahoma expect a decrease in white breed holdings of 2, 10 and 45 percent respectively, while Missouri and Washington expect about the same number as last year. Increases in holdings of bronze and other heavy are expected in 10 States. Expected increases are 20 percent in Wisconsin, 15 percent in Minnesota and Missouri, 10 percent in Iowa, 8 percent in Ohio and Texas, 6 percent in California, 5 percent in Michigan, 4 percent in Pennsylvania, and 2 percent in South Carolina. Oklahoma expects to hold about the same number as last year, while Oregon, New York, Virginia, and Washington expect to decrease holdings by 3, 20, 35 and 48 percent respectively. Breeders' intentions indicate an increase in light breed hens ranging from 19 percent in Pennsylvania to 67 percent in Iowa. Minnesota and Virginia, the two largest producing States of light breed turkeys, expect increases of 60 percent and 30 percent respectively.

TURKEY BREEDER HEN INTENTIONS--1959 HATCHING SEASON

: Intentions to hold turkey breeder hens at beginning of 1959			
: season as percent of holdings a year earlier			
: Heavy breeds		: Beltsville and	
: Heavy white		: Bronze and other heavy	
: Percent		: Percent	
New York	: 98	: 80	1/
Pennsylvania	: 104	: 104	119
Ohio	: 110	: 108	120
Michigan	: 145	: 105	1/
Wisconsin	: 140	: 120	1/
Minnesota	: 154	: 115	160
Iowa	: 135	: 110	167
Missouri	: 100	: 115	150
Virginia	: 125	: 65	130
South Carolina	: 90	: 102	1/
Oklahoma	: 55	: 100	125
Texas	: 114	: 108	125
Washington	: 100	: 52	1/
Oregon	: 1/	: 97	150
California	: 150	: 106	150
Total 15 States	: 125	: 104	138

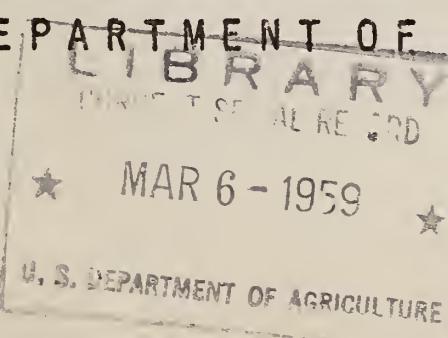
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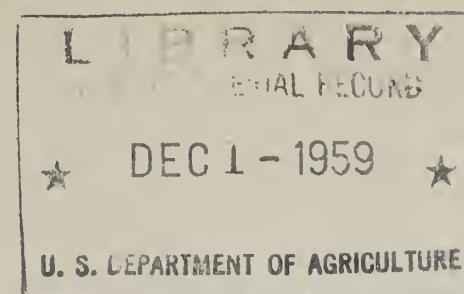
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2 1960 HATCHING SEASON
INTENTIONS



October 23, 1959

Owners of turkey breeder hens in 15 of the most important States expect to hold at the beginning of the 1960 hatching season 2 percent less heavy breed hens and 16 percent less light breed hens than at the beginning of the 1959 season, according to the October 1 survey by the Crop Reporting Board. These 15 States accounted for about 83 percent of the breeder hens on farms January 1, 1959. Compared with the 1959 season, they plan to have 22 percent more heavy white turkey hens, but 9 percent fewer bronze and other heavy.

For past years, growers October 1 intentions to hold heavy breed turkey hens compared with estimated number on hand the following January 1 were: intentions October 1, 1955, 13 percent increase, following January 1, 14 percent increase; in 1956 October intentions 16 percent increase, January 1, 17 percent increase; in 1957 intentions 4 percent decrease, January 1, 8 percent decrease; in 1958 intentions 7 percent increase, January 1, 4 percent increase.

Growers of the heavy white breed in three of the 5 most important States indicate increased holdings of hens. Increases were 100 percent in California, 24 percent in Minnesota and 16 percent in Wisconsin. These increases were partially offset by decreases of 25 percent in Texas and 10 percent in Ohio.

Expected holdings of light breeds are down in all States except Minnesota and California where increases of 16 percent and 20 percent respectively, are planned. Virginia, the largest producing State of light breed turkeys, plans to reduce breeder hen numbers 20 percent.

TURKEY BREEDER HEN INTENTIONS--1960 HATCHING SEASON

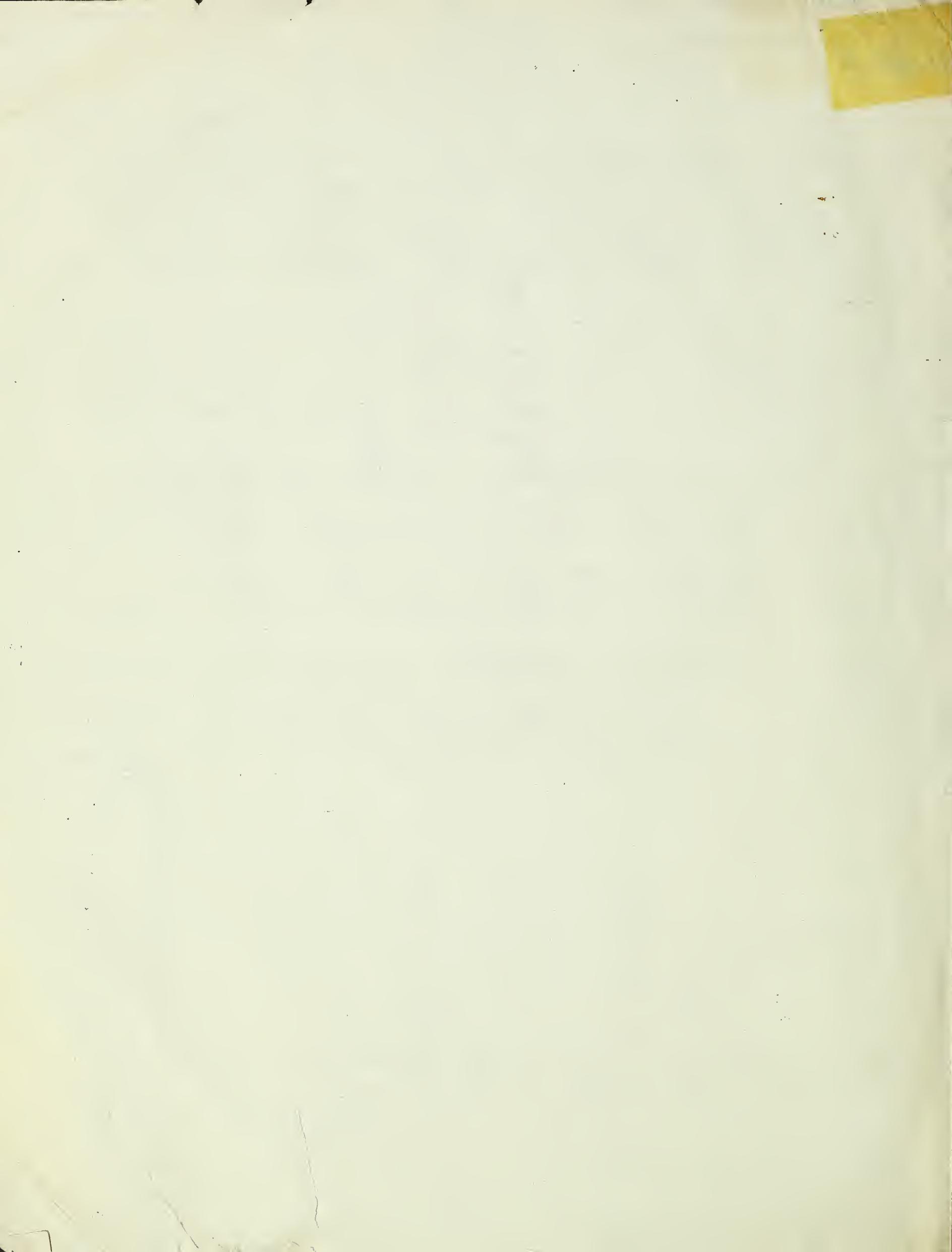
State	Intentions to hold turkey breeder hens at beginning of 1960 season as percent of holdings a year earlier		
	Heavy breeds		Beltsville and other light
	Heavy white	Bronze and other heavy	
	Percent	Percent	Percent
New York	70	75	1/
Pennsylvania	140	96	90
Ohio	90	95	85
Michigan	210	70	1/
Wisconsin	116	75	1/
Minnesota	124	111	116
Iowa	150	120	95
Missouri	120	84	35
Virginia	300	40	80
South Carolina	1/	64	1/
Oklahoma	50	95	55
Texas	75	85	70
Washington	1/	70	1/
Oregon	1/	87	83
California	200	95	120
Total 15 States	122	91	84

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TURKEY BREEDER HENS
1961 HATCHING SEASON
INTENTIONS

October 21, 1960

Owners of turkey breeder hens in 15 of the most important States expect to hold 26 percent more heavy breed hens at the beginning of the 1961 hatching season than at the beginning of the 1960 season, according to the October 1 survey by the Crop Reporting Board. Holdings of light breed hens are expected to be about the same as in 1960. These 15 States accounted for 81 percent of the breeder hens on farms January 1, 1960. Compared with the 1960 season, turkey growers plan to have 46 percent more heavy white breed hens and 19 percent more bronze and other heavy.

For past years, growers' October 1 intentions to hold heavy breed turkey hens, compared with estimated number on hand the following January 1, were: October 1, 1956, intentions 16 percent increase, January 1, 17 percent increase; in 1957 intentions 4 percent decrease, January 1, 8 percent decrease; in 1958 intentions 7 percent increase, January 1, 4 percent increase; and 1959 intentions 2 percent decrease, January 1, 3 percent decrease.

Growers of heavy white breeds in each of the five most important States indicate large increases in holdings of hens. Increases were 100 percent in California, 50 percent in Ohio and Texas, 45 percent in Minnesota, and 25 percent in Wisconsin. All but five States reported increases in holdings of other heavy breed hens. Increases reported in the leading States were: California 30 percent, Missouri 25 percent, Iowa 20 percent, Minnesota and Oregon 15 percent, and Texas 1 percent.

Two important States in the production of light breed poult, Virginia and Ohio, expect to reduce holdings of light breed hens 10 and 20 percent respectively. These decreases were largely offset by increases of 50 percent in Minnesota, 30 percent in Iowa, and 20 percent in Missouri.

* TURKEY BREEDER HEN INTENTIONS--1961 HATCHING SEASON

State	: Intentions to hold turkey breeder hens at beginning of 1961			
	: season as percent of holdings a year earlier			
	: Heavy breeds	: Beltsville and		
	: Heavy white	: Bronze and other heavy	: other light	
New York	: Percent	Percent	Percent	
Pennsylvania	: 105	115	1/	
Ohio	: 105	135	110	
Michigan	: 150	100	80	
Wisconsin	: 300	75	1/	
Minnesota	: 125	100	1/	
Iowa	: 145	115	150	
Missouri	: 90	120	130	
Virginia	: 110	125	120	
South Carolina	: 100	90	90	
Oklahoma	: 1/	100	1/	
Texas	: 115	109	115	
Washington	: 150	101	90	
Oregon	: 1/	110	1/	
California	: 200	115	95	
Total 15 States	: 146	130	30	
		119	100	

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TURKEY BREEDER HENS
1963 HATCHING SEASON
INTENTIONS

October 19, 1962

Owners of turkey breeder hens in 15 of the most important States expect to hold about the same number of heavy breed hens and 14 percent more light breed hens at the beginning of the 1963 hatching season than they retained a year earlier. These 15 States accounted for 81 percent of the breeder hens in the United States on January 1, 1962. Compared with the 1962 season, turkey breeders plan to have 3 percent more heavy white breed hens, but 2 percent fewer bronze and other heavy.

Previous years' October 1 intentions to hold heavy breed hens compared with changes in number of hens on hand in the entire United States following January 1 were: October 1, 1958 intentions 7 percent increase, January 1, 7 percent increase; in 1959 intentions 2 percent decrease, January 1, 5 percent decrease; in 1960 intentions 26 percent increase, January 1, 34 percent increase; and in 1961 intentions unchanged, January 1, 10 percent decrease.

All but four States reported increases in holdings of heavy white breed hens. Increases reported in the leading States were 10 percent in Ohio and Texas, and 5 percent in Wisconsin and Minnesota. California, the State with the largest number of heavy white breed hens, plans a reduction of 14 percent. Growers of other heavy breeds in four of the six most important States indicated decreased holdings of hens. Decreases were 15 percent in Oregon and Missouri, 8 percent in Iowa, and 2 percent in Texas. These decreases were partially offset by increases of 10 percent in Minnesota and 1 percent in California. The two most important States in the production of light breed hens, Virginia and Minnesota, expect to increase holdings of lights by 5 and 40 percent respectively.

TURKEY BREEDER HEN INTENTIONS--1963 HATCHING SEASON

State	Intentions to hold turkey breeder hens at beginning of 1963 season as percent of holdings a year earlier		
	Heavy breeds	Beltsville and	other light
	Heavy white	Bronze and other heavy	
	Percent	Percent	Percent
New York	100	105	1/
Pennsylvania	100	95	95
Ohio	110	100	103
Michigan	115	85	1/
Wisconsin	105	1/	1/
Minnesota	105	110	140
Iowa	180	92	105
Missouri	110	85	115
Virginia	97	115	105
South Carolina	110	50	1/
Oklahoma	115	105	200
Texas	110	98	50
Washington	1/	100	1/
Oregon	150	85	125
California	86	101	100
Total 15 States	103	98	114

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TURKEY BREEDER HENS
1964 HATCHING SEASON
INTENTIONS

October 18, 1963

Turkey breeder flock owners in 15 of the most important turkey States expect to keep about the same number of heavy breed hens at the beginning of the 1964 hatching season as retained a year earlier according to the Crop Reporting Board. Holdings of light breed hens are expected to be up about 10 percent. Compared with the 1962 season, turkey breeders plan to have 3 percent more heavy white breed hens, but 3 percent fewer bronze and other heavy. These 15 States accounted for 80 percent of all breeder hens on hand January 1, 1963.

Testings for pullorum disease July through September 1963 were up 19 percent from the same period last year for heavy breeds and up 29 percent for lights. These testings represent only a small portion of the number that will be tested for the entire season. Previous years' October 1 intentions to hold heavy breed hens compared with changes in number of breeder hens the following January 1 in the entire United States were: October 1, 1958 intentions, 7 percent increase; January 1, 7 percent increase; in 1959 intentions, 2 percent decrease; January 1, 5 percent decrease; in 1960 intentions, 26 percent increase; January 1, 3^{1/4} percent increase; in 1961 intentions unchanged; January 1, 9 percent decrease; and in 1962 intentions unchanged; January 1, 1 percent decrease.

Owners of heavy white breed hens in four of the five most important States indicate increased holdings of hens. Increases were 13 percent in Texas, 6 percent in Ohio, 5 percent in Minnesota, and 3 percent in Wisconsin. In California there was no change from a year earlier. Growers of other heavy breeds in four of the six most important States indicated decreased holdings of hens. Decreases were 13 percent in Oregon, 5 percent in Texas, 4 percent in California, and 2 percent in Iowa. These decreases were partially offset by increases of 15 percent in Missouri and 2 percent in Minnesota. The two most important States in the production of light breed hens, Minnesota and Virginia, expect to increase holdings of lights 16 and 20 percent, respectively.

TURKEY BREEDER HEN INTENTIONS--1964 HATCHING SEASON

State	Intentions to hold turkey breeder hens at beginning of 1964		
	season as percent of holdings a year earlier		
	Heavy breeds	Beltsville and	
	Heavy white	Bronze and other heavy	other light
	Percent	Percent	Percent
New York	83	100	1/
Pennsylvania	100	96	110
Ohio	106	101	104
Michigan	102	77	86
Wisconsin	103	1/	1/
Minnesota	105	102	116
Iowa	109	98	97
Missouri	90	115	100
Virginia	105	50	120
South Carolina	105	106	1/
Oklahoma	80	110	100
Texas	113	95	1/
Washington	1/	95	1/
Oregon	100	87	110
California	100	96	100
Total 15 States	103	97	110

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TURKEY BREEDER HENS
1965 HATCHING SEASON
INTENTIONS

October 19, 1964

Turkey breeder flock owners in 15 important turkey States expect to keep about 4 percent more heavy breed hens and 1 percent more light breed hens at the beginning of the 1965 hatching season than they retained a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Compared with the 1963^{1/} season, turkey breeders plan to have 13 percent more heavy white breed hens but 3 percent fewer bronze and other heavy. These 15 States accounted for 80 percent of all breeder hens on hand January 1, 1964.

Previous years' October 1 intentions to hold heavy breed hens compared with changes in number of breeder hens the following January 1 in the entire United States were: October 1, 1959 intentions, 2 percent decrease; January 1, 5 percent decrease; in 1960 intentions 26 percent increase; January 1, 3^{1/4} percent increase; in 1961, intentions unchanged; January 1, 9 percent decrease; 1962 intentions unchanged; January 1, 1 percent decrease; and in 1963 intentions unchanged; January 1, 3 percent decrease.

Owners of heavy white breed hens in four of the most important States indicate increased holdings of hens. Increases were 25 percent in Minnesota, 22 percent in Ohio, 15 percent in California, and 2 percent in Texas. In Wisconsin a decrease of 20 percent was reported. Growers of other heavy breeds in three of the six important States indicated decreased holdings of hens. Decreases were 15 percent in Minnesota, 7 percent in Missouri, and 8 percent in California. Increases reported were 10 percent in Texas, 6 percent in Iowa, and 3 percent in Oregon. For the two important States in holdings of light breeder hens, Minnesota expects to decrease holdings 5 percent, while Virginia expects to hold about the same number.

TURKEY BREEDER HEN INTENTIONS--1965 HATCHING SEASON			
: Intentions to hold turkey breeder hens at beginning of 1965			
State : - - - season as percent of holdings a year earlier			
	Heavy breeds	Bronze and other heavy	other light
	Percent	Percent	Percent
New York	105	125	1/
Pennsylvania	100	94	115
Ohio	122	96	120
Michigan	90	100	100
Wisconsin	80	1/	1/
Minnesota	125	85	95
Iowa	129	106	85
Missouri	120	93	67
Virginia	90	1/	100
South Carolina	127	135	1/
Oklahoma	142	89	100
Texas	102	110	200
Washington	1/	113	1/
Oregon	150	103	110
California	115	92	90
Total 15 States	113	97	101

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